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## SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

### UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(i)

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(i), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
7,530,114 B2	05-05-2009	Yamada et al.
7,558,963 B2	07-07-2009	Naruse et al.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Applicants respectfully request that the citations be placed into the file wrapper of the application.

**Commonly Owned Applications**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant and Applicant's attorney hereby make of record in the above-identified patent application the existence of the currently cited commonly owned patents and co-pending published patent applications some of which are related to the above-identified patent application.

**Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for the following presently cited applications and patents, since the specifications and possibly the claims of the following applications may include common or significantly related subject matter. In particular, the Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the identified prosecution history of the following presently cited applications and patents:**

U.S. Patent No. 7,530,114 B2, Publication No. 2005/0166264 A1 –  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/500,885 – Office Action mailed October 5, 2007, Response filed January 31, 2008; Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, Response filed July 16, 2008; Office Action mailed July 31, 2008, Response filed October 2, 2008; Notice of Allowance mailed December 30, 2008, Response to Reasons for Allowance filed March 27, 2009; Patent issued May 5, 2009;

U.S. Patent No. 7,558,963 B2, Publication No. 2005/0005099 A1 – U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/814,662 -- Office Action mailed September 4, 2007, Response filed December 4, 2007; Office Action mailed February 20, 2008, Request for Continued Examination filed April 21, 2008; Office Action mailed July 21, 2008, Examiner Interview Summary mailed July 30, 2008, Examiner Interview Summary mailed September 2, 2008, Request for Continued Examination filed September 17, 2008; Office Action mailed December 12, 2008, Response filed February 5, 2009; Notice of Allowance mailed April 17, 2009, Response to Reasons for Allowance filed June 2, 2009; Patent issued July 7, 2009.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

The Applicant or Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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